

**In the Abstract**

Please amend the abstract as follows:

[[The]] A process according to the invention for controlling an electronic power component ~~contains a process~~ for piloting [[the]] an opening and/or closure of this component. The piloting process ~~comprises~~ includes a plurality of steps for controlling the application of a succession of different commutation voltages on a control electrode of [[said]] the electronic power component between [[the]] an instant when the piloting process begins and [[the]] an instant when either the opening ~~and/or~~ or the closure of the electronic power component is to stop. Passage from one commutation voltage to a successive commutation voltage in this piloting process is automatically effected as soon as a corresponding condition of passage is satisfied. The process ~~comprises the~~ further includes a step consisting in of interrupting [[said]] the piloting process and [[in]] immediately triggering off a process for safeguarding the integrity of the electronic power component if the component does not react to a commutation voltage [[in]] within a predetermined ~~imparted~~ time for the commutation voltage.